

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the application as follows:

After the title, as the first sentence of the specification, please insert:

This application claims priority to Cuban application No. CU1999/71, filed on June 10, 1999.

On page 12, please replace the second paragraph with the following:

EXAMPLE 3

This invention provides peptides with advantageous functions over other LBP-derived peptides that have the native sequence or different a.a. replacements to those herein described at positions +1, +5, +6, +7, +9, +10, +11, +12 and +13. Among these others are some peptides previously described by their ability to reduce LPS biological effects¹¹⁻¹⁴. In order to demonstrate the advantage of the